

**In the Specification:**

Please amend paragraph [0029] to read as follows:

[0029] The multiple catheter assembly 100 includes a cannulating portion 102 defined by an outer surface 104. The multiple catheter assembly 100 further includes a first catheter 110 at least partially releasably joined to a second catheter 130. The first catheter 110 includes a first proximal end region 112 concluding in a first proximal end 111, and a first distal end region 114 having a first distal tip 116. The first distal tip 116 has a first distal opening 118. The first catheter 110 also has a first outer surface 120 defining a first lumen 122. The first lumen 122 fluidly communicates with the first distal opening 118. The second catheter 130 includes a second proximal end region 132 concluding in a second proximal end 131, and a second distal end region 134 having a second distal tip 136. First and second proximal ends 111,131 are seen in Fig. 1 to extend through hub 150 and beyond the proximal end thereof. The second distal tip 136 has a second distal opening 138. The second catheter 130 also has a second outer surface 140 defining a second lumen 142. The second lumen 142 fluidly communicates with the second distal opening 138. Preferably, the first distal tip 116 ends approximately 2.5 cm proximate of the second distal tip 136. The first catheter 110 is preferably an arterial lumen used to draw fluid, such as blood, from the patient, while the second catheter 130 is preferably a venous lumen used to return the fluid to the patient after processing, such as by hemodialysis. The approximate 2.5 cm distance difference between the first distal tip 116 and the second distal tip 136 serves to reduce recirculation of the fluid that has already been processed.